TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS IN PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO TRAIN VETERANS AND OTHER ELIGIBLE PERSONS UNDER SECTION 3675, TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE

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Application for Approval to Train VA Eligible Persons (Accredited Institutions) ☐ Original Request ☐ Update						
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3. Accrediting Body (No.	2. Address of School (Physical location) Mailing Address (VA Certifying Official) (This address should identify the location where your approval items and VA correspondence are to be sent.)					
Federal, State or Municipa Licensing Body or Authori 4. Name of President/Directo 5. Name of VA Certifying Of	tyr/Owner	is for approval as accredited.)				
Phone		E-mail				
 6. The above-named institution requests approval to train VA eligible persons in the programs listed on the attached pages. (Attach the listing of those degree programs to be considered for approval. For certificate programs, use the enclosed Calendar and Class Schedule(s), as applicable, for the Certificate Programs to be considered for approval.) I understand that: (Reference 38 Code of Federal Regulations 21.4209) The school will make available to the authorized government representative records and accounts pertaining to veterans or eligible persons who received educational assistance. Other students' records necessary for the Department of Veterans Affairs and its authorized representatives to ascertain institutional compliance. 						
I certify that (will be verified by S	tata Annrovina Aganov hafo	ra annroyal):				
 The educational institution ke eligible person or veteran and The educational institution ma 	eps adequate records, as pres to show that satisfactory star untains a written record of the	scribed by the State Approving Agency, to adards relating to progress and conduct are the previous education and training of the	e enforced. eligible person or veteran that clearly			
 indicates that appropriate credit has been given by the educational institution for previous education and training, with the training period shortened proportionately. The programs, curriculum, and instruction are consistent in quality, content, and length with similar programs in public schools and other private schools in the state, with recognized standards. 						
1 -	-	aterials, and instructor personnel to provid	e training of good quality.			
Educational and experience quality						
	its, addenda, and the sup	ation contained in this application and porting approval material is true and				
Signature of Authorized Scho	ol Official	Title	Date			

SUPPORTING APPROVAL MATERIAL

ANY CHANGES TO THE CATALOG AFFECTING THIS APPROVAL SHOULD ALSO BE SUBMITTED AS ADDENDA ITEMS. IN ADDITION, CHANGES AFFECTING THE APPROVAL MAY BE SUBMITTED ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR. SUBMIT THESE CHANGES WITH A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT.

A. Submit Three Copies of Your Current Catalog or Bulletin: Catalogs can be hard copy or, if submitted on disk,

	must be permanent (PDF or similar documents) files, <u>not</u> we a hard copy catalog can facilitate review and processing. If an additional publications or a written statement to be submitted as	item listed below is a	not in the catalog (
	Check this box if a previously approved multiple year catal	og is still applicable a	nd then proceed to	Item B.
	List page number where the items below can be found. academic calendar for degree programs academic calendar for certificate programs grading system (to include incomplete grades) progress policies for VA students (see attached guidelines) conduct policy attendance policy graduation requirements and minimum GPA policy regarding transfer credit progress records (transcripts) kept by the school progress records (grades) furnished to students accrediting body tuition, fees, course costs drop periods	Undergraduate	Graduate	Certificate
В.	☐ COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE CALENDAR/CLAST FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM(S) TO BE CONSIDER			CREDIT HOUR
C.	IF YOU OFFER THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TRAININ NOT CHECKED, APPROVAL CANNOT BE CONSIDERE ☐ Open Circuit TV Courses ☐ Independent Study (if you offer degrees, your school will including other nonresident training - internet, distance eductional Training Courses and Request for Approval under include a list of courses. Mark the applicable box on the form ☐ Registered Nursing Hospital/Fieldwork Courses ☐ Licensed Vocational Nursing Courses ☐ Medical and Dental Specialty Courses ☐ Professional Training Courses (e.g., Teacher Certification ☐ Practical Training	1 automatically be apation, individual corre 38 CFR 21.4265 (On m, sign and date, and	oproved for this n spondence courses. ly if offered at you	node of instruction
D.	☐ COMPLETE THE LIST OF OFF CAMPUS LOCATION	S WHERE TRAINI	NG IS PROVIDE	D.

E. DEVELOPMENTAL/REMEDIAL/DEFICIENCY COURSES (IF APPLICABLE).

F.	☐ COOPERATIVE EDUCA	TION COURS	ES AND REQUE	ST FOR APPROVAL (IF	APPLICABLE).
G.	REVIEW AND UPDATE INCLUDE ANY CERTIFOR THE CALENDAR/CL	TICATE OR N	ONDEGREE PR		PROGRAMS. DO NOT Y ARE LISTED ON ONE
Н.	☐ CURRENT FEDERAL, S' WITH LIST OF APPROV				AUTHORITY/APPROVAL
I.	COMPLETE AS REQUIREI):			
	☐ VA Forms 22-8794, 22-193	19, 27-8206 (noi	required if previo	usly submitted and still valid	I)
	Power of Attorney Certification	ation (<i>not requi</i> i	red if previously s	ıbmitted)	
	Request for Waiver – 85/15	_			
	Advanced Payment Certific	cation (not requi	red if previously	ubmitted)	
J.	☐ SCHEDULE OF CLASS/	COURSE OFF	ERINGS (all cou	rses must be described in th	ne catalog or addenda):
	Fall 2011				
	Spring 2012				
	Summer 2012				
	Other				
					
K.	☐ CHANGE OF OWNERSH	HIP/ADDRESS	(IF APPLICABI	Æ).	
L.	☐ VETERAN STUDENT AT	TTENDANCE 1	POLICY (FOR C	AREER SCHOOLS LICE	NSED BY TWC).
М.	FOR INSTITUTIONS WITH NUMBER OF CREDIT HOU (Note: The U.S. Department of Complete for graduate students	TRS THAT CO	NSTITUTE THE airs will determin	FOLLOWING AT YOUR e training time for all terms	SCHOOL:
		Graduate Fall/Spring	Graduate Summer	Graduate Mini-terms	
	Full time	1 an/Spring	Summer	Willin-Crinis	
	Half (1/2) time				
	Three-quarter (3/4) time				
	Less than half (1/2) time				
	Quarter (1/4) time				
N.	FOR INFORMATION ONLY	Y TRAINING	TIMES FOR C	LOCK HOUR-BASED PRO	OGRAMS:
			neory Predomina		
	Full time (clock hours per wee	ek)	18	22	
	3⁄4 time		13 – 17	16 – 21	
	½ time		9 – 12	11 – 15	
	Less than ½ time		5 – 8	6 – 10	

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CALENDAR AND CLASS SCHEDULE FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (CERTIFIED IN CREDIT HOURS FOR VA PURPOSES)

Name and Loca	tion of School					
School Year:		Schedule:				
List onl	y those certificate pr	ograms for which you	are requesting approval to train VA	students. Programs i	nust be listed in the co	talog or addendum.
Complete Progr	ram Name	Catalog Page No.	Vocational Objective	1 st Day of Classes for Each Term	Last Day of Classes for Each Term	Total Program Length
(Example)	Vocational Nursing	39	LVN	8/24/11	12/11/11	44 SCH
(Example)	Paralegal	141	Paraprofessional who provides legal assistance to attorneys	01/05/11 See academic calendary	05/20/11 page 7 of catalog	36 SCH
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List the spec	ific holidays (include d	ay, month, year), break p	eriods and breaks between terms, etc.			
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The specific vocational objective should be listed for each certificate program and should be one that leads to an occupation. The program should provide students with adequate skills for profitable employment upon graduation. Also, the program's length should provide sufficient student-instructor contact hours to train the student adequately and to meet the standards of the student's chosen vocation or profession. Additionally, no two programs should lead to the same objective. INDIVIDUAL CLASS SCHEDULES SHOULD BE USED WHEN NECESSARY. SCHEDULE MAY BE SUBMITTED ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF IT DOES NOT FIT THIS FORMAT (MUST INCLUDE THE SAME INFORMATION).

CALENDAR AND CLASS SCHEDULE FOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

(CERTIFIED IN <u>CLOCK HOURS</u> FOR VA PURPOSES)

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School Year:		Schedule:					
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Complete Progra	m Name	Catalog Page No.	Vocational Objective	1 st Day of Classes for Each Term	Last Day of Classes for Each Term	Days/week	Hours/day
(Example)	Vocational Nursing	63	LVN	8/24/11	12/11/11	TWThF	5
(Example)	Automotive	Addenda	Auto Mechanic	1/10/12	5/15/12	TWThFS	7.5
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List the specif	ic holidays (include da	ıy, month, year), bre	ak periods and breaks between to	erms, etc.			
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PRACTICAL TRAINING

(Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations 21.4265)

Practical training is academic training that includes actual job training. These courses are an integral part of the course, required for the completion of the course, and are under the direction and supervision of the school. If specifically approved, these types of courses can be certified either in credit hours or clock hours, whichever is more advantageous to the veteran.

CHECK THE TYPE OF PRACTICAL TRAINING BEING REQUESTED FOR APPROVAL | Medical/Dental Specialty Courses (clinical training given off-campus such as medical/dental assistant externships or X-ray technician) | Registered Nursing Courses (clinical courses with hospital or fieldwork phases) | Licensed Vocational Nursing Courses (academic subjects and clinical training) | Professional Training Courses (including Teacher Certification courses) | Practical Training (externships or practicums in any other field that require class attendance on at least a weekly basis to provide for interaction between instructor and student) I request that the applicable practical training courses be assessed as institutional training under the provisions of 38 CFR 21.4265. I certify that these courses are an integral part of the curriculum, are required for graduation, are under the direction of the school, and the student remains enrolled in the school during these courses. These courses may be certified in either credit or clock hours. | Signature and Title of School Official | Date |

MAIN AND OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS

(Complete Street Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Name and Location of School			
(1) LIST CAMPUSES (INCLUDING MAIN) THAT MAINTAIN ALL RECORDS AND HAVE ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITY:			
(2) LIST ALL OTHER OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS THAT PROVIDE INSTRUCTION:			
Use additional sheets if necessary			
No out-of-state or out-of-country locations should be listed.			
• Affiliated hospitals for nursing or medical and dental programs should <u>not</u> be listed.			

• Certificate programs offered by a **private**, **profit or non-profit** IHL will be subject to the two-year period of

operation requirement before they can be approved at off-campus locations.

DEVELOPMENTAL/REMEDIAL/DEFICIENCY COURSES

Reference 38 CFR 21.4200(s) (t)

Name and Location of Scho	ool	
Course Number	Course Title	Catalog Page Number or Addendum

DEFINITION: Developmental/Remedial/Deficiency courses are courses designed to overcome a deficiency at the elementary or secondary level in a particular area of study (usually English or Math) under provisions of 38 CFR 21.4200(s) and (t); and 38 CFR 21.4235(f) and 38 CFR 21.4237(f) for ESL.

Documentation through testing must be available to support the need for each specific developmental/remedial/deficiency course.

NOTE: Courses cannot be used for credit toward completion of degree or certificate program requirements. Also, they cannot be used as electives. Personal enhancement courses <u>cannot</u> be approved as developmental/remedial/ deficiency courses for VA training.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COURSES

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATION COURSES UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 38 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS 21.4233(a)

Name of School				
Location of Scho	ool			
Accrediting Bod	y			
We request that the 38 CFR 21.4233(courses be approved under the provisions of		
We certify that:				
	the alternate in-school periods of the cour in the business or industrial establishmen	rse are at least as long as the alternate periods t;		
	the course is set up as a cooperative course the school;	se in the school catalog or other literature of		
		ver's establishment for providing the alternate n basis that the on-job portion of the course ense and will supplement the in-school		
		loyer's establishment for placing the nd exercises supervision and control over the an extent that assures training in a true sense		
	the school grants credit for the on-job por the work required for granting a degree of	rtion of the course for completion of a part of r diploma.		
Course Number	Course Title	Catalog Page Number or Addendum		
Signature and Tit	le of School Official	Date		

POWER OF ATTORNEY CERTIFICATION

I certify that this institution does not have a power of attorney to negotiate Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) educational benefit checks nor does this institution use coercive procedures or practices to limit a veteran or other eligible person's disposition of the proceeds of a VA check. Checks are not stamped "For Deposit Only" to the school's account for endorsement by the student. This institution does not have a joint bank account with any VA student.

	The institution DOES plan on receiving VA studer school's address.	ts' monthly education benefit checks at the
	The institution DOES NOT plan on receiving VA sturschool's address.	lents' monthly education benefit checks at the
Sign	ature of School Official	Date
Title	of School Official	
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Addı	ress of School	
City	/State/Zip	

REQUEST FOR WAIVER – 85/15 PERCENT

This is to certify that our current enrollment of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) students receiving VA educational benefits is 35 percent or less of the total school enrollment.

We do hereby request a waiver of the 85/15 percent reporting requirement. We do understand that the above waiver would not apply to any course/program in which the percentage of VA students exceeds 85 percent.

Signature of School Official	Date
Title of School Official	
Name of School	
Address of School	
Address of School	
City/State/Zip	

ADVANCE PAYMENT CERTIFICATION

	Our institution DOES NOT wish to participate in the VA's advance payment program.				
	Our institution DOES AGREE to participate in the VA's advance payment program, and we make the following certification:				
	I certify that advance payment checks will be maint student upon registration, but not earlier than 30 days will furnish verification of enrollment as prescribed by	prior to the first			
Sign	ature of School Official		Date		
Title	of School Official	-	Facility Code		
Nam	e of School	-			
Addı	ress of School	-			
City/	/State/Zip	-			

COMPLETE ONLY IF APPLICABLE

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP (38 CFR 21.4251)

(Complete this se	ection if change has occurred within	the last two years)
School Name	Dates of Ownership	<u>Owner</u>
Current Owner Certification		
I certify that:		
 The school remains essentially the student body, or courses offered; 	ne same; i.e., there are no major cha	anges in the type or number of faculty,
 As the new owner, I have acquire the school's educational activities 		ol's assets, which are directly related to
outstanding debts of the school. I	assume only the debts incurred as a ership. This includes overpayments	old for all or substantially all, of the direct result of the school's educational of educational assistance for which the
• As the new owner or manager, I veterans and eligible persons under		date the school was sold, may be due to
	onor all student contracts that vetera pproved before the effective date of t	ns, reservists, or other eligible persons the change in ownership.
Signature of Owner	Print name	Date
СН	IANGE OF ADDRESS (38 CFR 21	1.4251)
I certify that the currently approved so	chool:(Name of School)	
	(Name of School)	
<u>Current Address</u>		Former Address
has relocated effective The new location is within normal	and meets the follow	ving approval criteria:
 The school has essentially the sam 		, location
 The school offers the same course 	•	
• The school has maintained "cont		en closed or otherwise unavailable for ove.
Signature of Owner	Print name	Date

PROGRESS POLICY GUIDELINES

Institutions are required by law to have and to enforce standards of progress in order for their programs to be approved for VA benefits. These standards should be stated plainly in the catalog or bulletin. The policy must define the following:

- 1. The school's grading system (INCLUDING INCOMPLETE GRADES);
- 2. The school's grading period;
- 3. The minimum grades considered satisfactory;
- 4. A clear description of any probation period;
- 5. Conditions for interruption of training due to unsatisfactory grades or progress;
- 6. Conditions for a student's reentrance/admission following dismissal/suspension for unsatisfactory progress.

School officials are responsible for enforcing the established standards of progress. This will require that you specify intervals between initial enrollment and graduation/completion when each student's progress will be evaluated.

Schools that provide a period of academic probation may not continue to certify a veteran or eligible person for an indefinite period of time. It is not unreasonable to expect that an institution will report a termination due to unsatisfactory progress if a student remains on academic probation beyond two (2) terms, quarters, or semesters without an improvement in his/her academic standing.

Please ensure that your progress policies for undergraduate, graduate, law school, and certificate programs meet the above requirements. If your catalog does not contain all of this information, a progress policy must be submitted as an addendum to the current catalog (and noted on the true and correct statement).

NOTE: PROGRESS POLICIES FOR VA STUDENTS CANNOT BE LESS STRINGENT THAN POLICIES FOR OTHER STUDENTS.

ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR VA STUDENTS

EFFECTIVE September 1, 2005

Signature of Authorized School Official

For Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) purposes, recording of attendance will be subject to the following policy:

ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR VA STUDENTS
Students using veterans' benefits to attend will have attendance monitored until the time the student drops, graduates, or completes the program. Unsatisfactory attendance will be reported to the DVA even if the VA student has completed the required number of hours to complete and no refund is due the student and/or refund sources. Therefore, the attendance policy (20% of the total program and/or being absent five [5] consecutive days) will apply throughout the student's stay in school. All violations of the attendance policy will be reported to DVA on VA Form 22-1999b within 30 days at such time the student exceeds the allowed number of absences.
I have read, understand, and will comply with this policy for the veteran students certified for GI Bill benefits.

Title

Date

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY LAWS

	(hereinafter called the "Signatory")
(Name of Organization, Institution, or Individual	
HEREBY AGREES THAT	
It will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), and all Federal regulations adopted to the end that no person in the United States shall on the ground of race, c 504), sex (Title IX, in education programs and activities only), or age (Age Dis, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any prog financial assistance or other benefits under statutes administered by VA (Dep of Education), or any other Federal agency. This assurance applies wheth indirectly through benefits paid to the student, trainee, or other beneficiary because the Signatory.	It to carry out such laws. This assurance is directed olor, national origin (Title VI), handicap (Section scrimination Act) be excluded from participation in gram or activity of the Signatory receiving Federal partment of Veterans Affairs), the ED (Department er assistance is given directly to the recipient or
The Signatory HEREBY GIVES ASSURANCE that it will promptly take mea	sures to effect this agreement.
If any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the a Signatory by VA or ED, this assurance shall obligate the Signatory, or in the c the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose for or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefit Signatory for the period during which the Federal financial assistance is extend Federal agency.	ase of transfer of such property, any transferee, for which the Federal financial assistance is extended ts. In all cases, this assurance shall obligate the
THIS ASSURANCE is given in consideration of and for the purpose of obtain furnished or payments made under sections 104 and 244 (1) of Title 38, U 1743,2408,5902(a)(2), 8131-8137, 8151-8156, (formerly 613, 620, 620A, 6 respectively) and 38 U.S.C. chapters 30, 31, 32, 35, 36, 82, and 10 U.S.C. between VA and ED, this assurance also includes Federal financial assistance that agency. Federal financial assistance is understood to include benefits paid beneficiary contingent upon the beneficiary's enrollment in a program or using	J.S.C. Also, sections 1713, 1720, 1720A, 1741-41-643, 1008, 3402(a)(2), 5031-5037, 5051-5056. chapter 106. Under the terms of an agreement e given by ED through programs administered by directly to the Signatory and/or benefits paid to a
The Signatory agrees that Federal financial assistance or other benefits will lagreements made in this assurance; that VA or ED will withhold financial compliance with the equal opportunity laws; and that the United States shall assurance.	assistance, facilities, or other benefits to assure
THIS ASSURANCE is binding on the Signatory, its successors, transferees, as is provided. The Signatory assures that all contractors, subcontractors, subgraservices or benefits to its students or trainees in connections with the Signat against those students or trainees in violation of the above statutes.	antees, or others with whom it arranges to provide
The person whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this assurance.	
(Date)	(Signature of authorized official)

(Title of authorized official)

Department of Veterans Affa	irs						
CONFLICTING INTEREST CERT	IFICATION FOR PRO	PRIETARY S	CHOOLS ONL	.Y			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION							
PURPOSE: This form informs of interest. (See certifications 36 of Title 38, U.S.C., but also Veterans Affairs (VA):	(1) and (2) below). The	ese certification	s not only apply	y to chap	oters 31 and		
MGIB		Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 30 of Title 38, U.S. Code)					
VEAP	Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32 of Title 38, U.S Code)				32 of Title 38, U.S.		
DEA	Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35 of Title 38, U.S. Code)				e 38, U.S. Code)		
MGIB-SR	Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1606, formerly known as Chapter 106, of Title 10, U.S. Code)						
EAPP	Educational Assis	stance Pilot Pro	gram (Section	903 of P	Public Law 96-342)		
(1) PROPRIETARY PROFIT SCHOOLS ONLY The law prohibits employees of VA and the State Approving Agency (SAA) from owning any interest in an educational institution operated for profit. In addition, the law prohibits these employees from receiving any wages, salary, dividends, gifts, or services from private profit schools. These provisions may be waived if VA determines that no detriment will result to the government, or to veterans or eligible persons enrolled (38 U.S.C. 3683). Please list below those VA and SAA employees known by you who may have a potential conflict of interest under this provision. If there are none, please enter the word "none." NAME AND TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) DESCRIPTION OF ASSOCIATION WITH SCHOOL							
	(2)						
38 C.F.R.21.4202© prohibits the approval of an official authorized to sign certificates of enrollr the names and VA file numbers (claim or Screceive VA educational assistance based on an	nent or verifications/certifi ocial Security Numbers) o	on in any proprie cations of attend of any certifying of	tary school of whance, an owner officials, owners	or an offi or officei	cer. Please list below rs of your school who		
NAME AND TITLE OF EMPLOYEE(S) VA FILE NUMBER		DATES OF ENROLLMENT WITH YOUR SCHOOL					
		FROM		ТО			
I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the entries above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to immediately notify VA of any potential violations of the above prohibitions.							
SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT OR CHIEF ADMINISTRAT	VE OFFICIAL OR SCHOOL	TITLE			DATE		